IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Ranjan RAY

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For: FINE GRAINED SPUTTERING TARGETS OF COBALT AND NICKEL BASE ALLOYS MADE VIA CASTING IN METAL MOLDS FOLLOWED BY HOT FORGING AND ANNEALING AND METHODS OF MAKING SAME

STATUS INQUIRY LETTER

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It would be appreciated if you would indicate the status of the above identified application, including an indication as to when the next communication can be expected.

Respectfully submitted,

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